

Rector exchanged duties with Mr. Wainwright of Kingston, being thus enabled to spend a Sunday with his family on the Kennebecasis. Last, not least, on the concluding Sunday of the month, we were enabled to hear the Bishop of Huron in our Church. Opinions may differ in preference among the four famous Irish orators to whom the Canadian Church owes so much, but all admit the singular power and persuasive earnestness of Bishop Baldwin. His sermon will long be remembered by those privileged to hear it.

THE Vestry passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. McAvity and the members of the Junior Branch of the S. M. G. A. for the proposed donation of suitable chairs for the platform of our Sunday-school. Very great credit is due, we think, to the zeal of this youngest society of our Church.

SOME little inconvenience has been raised by frequent "ciphering" in the new Sunday-school organ. The instrument has been carefully examined by Mr. Peters, and only needs settled temperature to prove its full value to us.

THE Rector proposes (D. V.) to be present at the consecration of Dr. Phillips Brooks as Bishop of Massachusetts, which takes place on the 14th of October, at Trinity Church, Boston.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Sunday School Building Committee beg leave to report that they have now finally completed the work assigned to them, and erected a new fence and graded and soddled the ground forming the approach thereto. The cost of these necessary improvements has been considerable, but both the congregation and the Vestry desired that the work should be well done, and having given careful attention to it, they are quite satisfied that no unnecessary outlay has been incurred.

The accounts now unpaid, which were approved and passed at the last meeting of the Committee, are as follows ;

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| W. H. Culbert, for trees .....   | \$ 4 00           |
| Abner Secord, for sodding.....   | 79 00             |
| J. Myles, for lattice work, etc.....   | 180 79            |
| Causey & Maxwell, mason work.....  | \$251 72          |
| Of this account charges for painting<br>the Church to be paid out of the<br>General Funds of the Church..... | 73 57             |
|  | 178 15            |
| Messrs. Armstrong & Co., for iron fences per<br>contract, \$10.80 being allowed for old<br>iron.....         | 130 80            |
| Messrs. G. S. Fisher & Co., asphalt walk.....  | 100 60            |
| C. H. S. Johnston, painting.....   | 20 35             |
|  | \$693 69          |
| There is a sum of \$518 still due to contractors<br>for main building on original contract.....              | 518 14            |
|  | <u>\$1,211 83</u> |

The Committee are of opinion that these claims should be promptly paid, and they recommend that a loan sufficient to pay them be negotiated at one of the banks under the authority of the Vestry, and that a note be made therefor

signed by such members of it as may be willing to do so, payable say in four months, the Vestry undertaking to save themselves harmless in the matter.

The total cost of the building and all the improvements of the grounds connected therewith amounted to \$14,944.67.

The Committee have only now to add that the most strenuous exertions of all connected with the Church, either officially or otherwise, are still required to clear off the existing engagements on behalf of a work which, in their opinion, has met with such general approval ; and they feel confident, from past experience, that, with the Divine blessing, success will attend all efforts which may be made in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DESOYRES, Rector.  
J. R. RUEL,  
GEO. F. SMITH,  
W. H. MERRITT,  
T. B. HANINGTON,  
J. R. ARMSTRONG,  
W. M. JARVIS,

Committee.

CHURCH LAW.

The subject of church law is rather a dry one : and besides, since we have the highest authority for the statement that the law is not made for a righteous man but for the ungodly and for sinners, some may think that the less they have to do with it the better. There is in many minds too, a disposition to seek a greater or less exemption from the rules which the experience, the wisdom, and in some cases possibly the prejudices of our ancestors have established ; and to fall back, or endeavour to fall back, in the exercise of individual intelligence, on the first principles from which those rules are supposed to have been developed. It is to some degree perhaps a reaction from the principle of blind submission to authority which was very prevalent some fifty years ago. And the spirit of enquiry, so long as it conducts its researches with the due respect to which all established rules and laws are entitled, is surely rather to be commended than to be blamed. It was in some such spirit that the revisions of our prayer book were conducted in Reformation times: when the Revisors, as they state, had to take the middle course between those who thought it a great matter of conscience to depart from a piece of the least of the old customs to which they were addicted, and those on the other side who were so new-fangled that they would innovate all things, and so despise the old that nothing could like them but what was new.

My own conviction—I may be wrong—is that of late years the taste for something new has been very prevalent among Churchmen,—high, low, and broad. It may do no harm then to assert the principle that such a thing as Church Law exists, and should be respected ; and moreover, that it has a binding force : though it may be, and very properly too, that