

encouraging to see a determination that the services of the House of God are not to be 'performed,' or performed by 'deputy,' but that all are to be encouraged to sing and pray with heart and understanding also. Blessed will he be who shall assist in the promotion of so great a work.—*In Church Bells.*

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Diocesan College Missionary Society held a public meeting in the chapel on the evening of the 28th inst. The Lord Bishop presided, and on the platform, besides the Principal, was Dr. Johnson of McGill. In the course of his address, the Bishop contrasted the accessible state of the Foreign Mission Field to-day, with the jealous exclusion exercised towards the Missionary by government authorities in India and North America, even within his personal recollections. Nowadays, barriers to the evangelising of the heathen have well nigh disappeared and almost every country in the world is thrown open to the Gospel. In speaking of the personnel of modern missionaries, his Lordship ventured to hint, that there was some danger of pampering and petting, whereas he could speak of the privations which the pioneers in the Home Field had to endure, of plain and scanty fare in carrying on Church work among the early settlers. A few wise words of counsel were specially addressed to the students, as to the prominence and power of prayer in the pastoral life for strengthening and refreshing the soul:—be much in prayer, was his watchword;—and on the subject of preaching, the Bishop advised preaching positive truth, rather than an argumentative or controversial style;—his Lordship also deprecated the common custom of clergymen asking what comforts, advantages, or society might be expected in a prospective parish.

Mr. Percy Judge, the Secretary of the Society, read an interesting paper on "the Unoccupied Foreign Field," and he said, that of a total area of 53,000,000 square miles there were still 23,000,000 square miles unoccupied.

The above paper is to be printed shortly in the Inter Collegiate Missionary Paper.

Mr. Elliott gave some account of the past work of the Society, and stated that at present it was seeking to develop Church work in the immediate neighbourhood of Montreal.

Rev. Dr. Norton said that in the press of a very busy week he cheerfully came to address the students of the Diocesan College. The Doctor, in common with the Bishop, uttered a word of warning to the men as to any unfriendly influence which they might have to contend against even in the college itself—the work which they had to prosecute was spiritual work and it required spiritual agents. The speaker severely denounced the practice of introducing sensational subject matter into the pulpit, instead of the pure Word of God. New York and Chicago were named, as furnishing instances of what he meant—where addresses came from the pulpit, on the last novel, because a plain verse of Scripture might be dull and uninteresting to a sensation loving people—pampered during the week with pleasures, yet seeking something on Sunday to soothe the conscience.

The Doctor was not so strait-laced as some are, on the bazaar question, though he admitted the glaring abuses to which all such efforts have been subjected.

He spoke strongly on the duty of systematic giving, especially when systematic getting is so well developed. Dr. Norton said that the Bishop was the most earnest and laborious Missionary Bishop he knew.

On Monday evening, a meeting was held at the Synod Office, in connection with the City Mission—for the purpose of drafting a Constitution for the "Lay Helpers Association," a Society which has the approval of the Bishop, and which, it is to be hoped, will prove useful to the Church.

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—A unique act of sacrilege was perpetrated early Tuesday morning, when some vandals displaced the corner-stone of the St. Margaret's Anglican Church, at Janeville, on the Montreal Road, for the purpose of possessing themselves of the coins deposited in it. These were only worth a few dollars. The

crook which had contained them was found broken and laying in a field behind the church, and the papers which it had also contained were scattered around. Rev. E. A. Hanington, of New Edinburgh, under whose care St. Margaret's Church is, has offered a reward of \$100 for information which will lead to the conviction of the vandals. The stone was laid by Lady Macdonald on the 13th of October last.

PERTH.—The magnificent spire of St. James' Church was finished last week.

PAKENHAM.—A bell weighing 563 lbs. has been received for St. Mark's Church, and placed temporarily in position.

DESERONTO.—The chancel of St. Mark's Church is finished, and work on the tower is being rapidly pushed towards completion.

KINGSTON.—The Rev. Mr. McMorine is recovering rapidly from the injuries he received a few days ago.

This city was moved to the depths on Sunday, 11th inst., through the tidings getting abroad of the drowning, on the previous evening, of Lionel and Victor Burns, sons of the Rev. R. T. Burns, as they were returning from a hunting expedition on Saturday evening. The calamity was alluded to in all the churches at the morning service, and young men were requested to offer their services on Monday morning to search for their remains. They were valuable and most promising young men, and sympathy for their afflicted parents is universal. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

MORRISBURG.—The usual services of Thanksgiving Day were of increased interest in this parish from the fact that the new Sunday School house was formally opened on that day. The building, which is of brick, has been erected this year, at a cost of \$2,500. Its dimensions are sixty by thirty. It is heated by hot air, furnished with chairs, decorated with handsome curtains and supplied with one of Heintzman's best pianos. The opening service was held in St. James' Church, the music being given altogether by the Sunday School choir, which under the able training of their organist, Miss Berry, has reached a high state of efficiency. The female part of the choir occupied the front pews in the nave. The boys and men accompanied by the clergy, of whom there were present the Revs. Canon Pettit, Canon White, J. A. Shaw, D. Jenkins, and the rector, formed a procession at the school-house, and marched to the church. As they entered the tower door the processional hymn, "Through the night of doubt," was begun and sung as they moved up the aisle to their places in the choir stalls. Then followed one of the brightest, heartiest services ever held in the church; Psalms 85 and 8 were chanted, hymns 289 and 379 were sung. Canon Pettit preached an excellent sermon, and the recessional hymn, 28, was sung as the choir reformed and marched back to the school. Here was held a most successful and enjoyable social. The building was literally packed with a good-humoured crowd who thoroughly enjoyed the music and all that was set before them.

TORONTO.

The Sec. Treas. of C. W. M. A. desires to inform the Church people of Canada generally, and others who may take an interest in the subject, that she is constantly receiving applications for gifts of surpluses for the poor parishes both in Algoma and Toronto dioceses. The funds of the Society will not, at present, allow any more of these very necessary articles to be furnished gratis, and she, therefore, earnestly solicits contributions for this purpose. Address Mrs. O'Reilly, 87 Bleeker St., Toronto.

All Saints.—An informal meeting was held in the vestry of this church last week to discuss the desirability of forming a branch of the Guild of St. Andrew in connection with the church. Mr. W. H. C. Kerr, M.A., was in the chair. Rev. E. H. Atcheson, the curate, explained the objects of the Guild. This would greatly assist in Church work by bringing into closer fellowship with their church many young men who could not now be reached. Rev. A. H. Baldwin, the rector, thought the scheme was one that should be encouraged, as it would be of great assistance to him, and he believed of benefit to the church. A committee was appointed to arrange for the formation of a branch of this Guild in the parish.

The Saint Augustine.—The dedication of a new

church at Toronto to St. Augustine has caused some little confusion as to whom this church is really dedicated. One would suppose from the Bishop's highly interesting discourse at the opening, that he supposed the one to be St. Augustine, of Canterbury, while Prof. Clark's discourse showed that he took the name to refer to St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. We believe the great theologian was intended to be honoured by the founders of this Church, not the Archbishop. St. Augustine, of Hippo, died in 430, leaving works that have been one of the mightiest literary influences that ever moulded religious thought and life.

At St. Ann's Sunday School house on the 22nd ultimo the Rev. J. S. Cole delivered a lecture on "Canada." Commencing with the "treasonable idea" of annexation, exposing its absurdity, since Canada is in the unique position of all nations of all times for working out for herself the best state of society and the most perfect constitution possible, he continued with the questions of Intercolonial Confederation and Interecclesiastical Law. In his next lecture Mr. Cole intends to lay down the bases of his New Science which he characterises as "over-shadowing all." The lecture has been spoken of in the highest terms by competent authorities.

Church of St. Augustine.—The Three Advents.—In St. Augustine's Church, on the 2nd December, Prof. Clark preached a sermon on the three advents of Christ. He took for his text Hebrews x. chap. 7th verse:—"Then said I, lo I come to do Thy will, O God." The subject divided itself into three advents of Christ, viz.:—The past, or that of humility; the present, or that of grace; the future, or that of glory. The first advent of Christ in this world was voluntarily undertaken by Him, in order to realize the Divine purpose in creation. He came to undo the evil of the fall, to be the second Adam; to do what Adam had failed to do, and to undo what he had done. God made man after His own image, and so far He, in the person of Jesus, had realized His ideal; the results attained having been brought about by the willing sacrifice of Christ on the cross. There were two misconceptions abroad regarding the sacrifice—one of these was that Christ came into this world in order to induce God to love the race, the second was that He came very much against His will to carry out the Divine purpose. Both of these beliefs were utterly false and dishonouring to God. If there was one truth embedded in the Scriptures more than another, it was the willing surrender on the part of Jesus Christ to fulfil the will of the Father. And the surrender then made formed the foundation and condition of acceptance of God for all time to come.

Church of the Ascension.—The Rev. Dr. Norton, of Montreal, preached at the anniversary services of this church on Advent Sunday.

The ladies of the Church Woman's Mission Aid having received applications for clothing for Indian boys, at a school lately opened in Manitoba, desire to ask for contributions for this purpose of gentlemen's and boy's cast-off clothing, which may be sent at any time to Roger's store, on corner of Yonge and Elm streets, for the C.W.M.A.

TORONTO.—Sunday Observance in Toronto.—Although we cannot agree with some portions of the subjoined, we think it always wise and useful to hear what those have to say on such a topic as Sunday observance whose knowledge is somewhat of a negative order. The writer of the following is a reporter on the Toronto World, one of the best specimens of a bright, well arranged and thoroughly Canadian paper we possess.

Where are what are popularly known as "the masses" on Sundays? The majority of them are not at Church. Thousands remain at home resting and reading, and a larger number are found when the weather is favorable out in the fresh air. Their non-attendance at church is not because they are really irreligious or antagonistic to Christianity, but there is a more or less widespread objection to the strongly pronounced creeds and dogmas of rival sects. The World's ecclesiastical young man in making a series of inquiries on the subject found that many of the leaders of the working classes deplored the want of touch between the ministers and the masses, and the absence from the ordinary sermon of sympathetic references and appreciation of life's daily struggle. Too many preachers give stones for bread, thistles for figs, and those who do not, satisfy themselves with time-worn platitudes of "Be content with such things as ye have." "But," say the non-attendants, "the battle of life grows fiercer, social problems cannot be thus shelved, there is fresh light on science and every other sphere of knowledge, but the pulpit