

stipends are devoted to secular objects, what is to make up to the poor for the loss of their aid and ministrations? The poor themselves are the least likely to realize their loss so long as the plunder of the Church is yet an unrealized dream, a mere bait of blatant demagogues or political schemers. Not until they lose the help which they have come to think as much a matter of course as the air they breathe, will the poor be likely to realize how great and irreparable is their loss. The Church would still, of course, do for them what it could, but it would be a crime to disguise from them the fact that the Church could do least where its ministrations are most needed, in those districts which are so poor that voluntary churches are obliged to abandon them. My brethren, it is for us to think for the poor, to endeavour to make them realize what is meant by the threatened revolution, and above all to make them so sensible of the blessing of a National Church that they shall repudiate with indignation the friendship of those who would rob them of it. Let it be ours to show them, by fidelity to our mission, by tender and sympathetic friendship, by laborious, untiring work, and by self-forgetful devotion to their temporal and spiritual welfare, that the Gospel of Christ is God's own message of peace and love, the only possible remedy for the deepest of human ills, and the sole satisfactory solution of the puzzling practical problems of our age; and then we may safely leave the defence of the National Church to those who are most interested in its preservation—the great masses of the laboring population of our country.

## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### QUEBEC.

**QUEBEC.**—The services on Christmas Day were well attended, and all the churches (with one exception) were beautifully decorated in honour of the Saviour's birth.

**The Cathedral.**—Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist were held at 7, 8 and after Matins at 11 a.m., and there were a large number of communicants. A number of Christmas carols were sung after the service of Evensong. His Lordship the Bishop was the preacher at Matins and the Very Rev. the Dean at Evensong.

**St. Matthew's.**—The Festival services were commenced with choral evensong at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Guild of Bell Ringers assembled at 11.30 p.m. and ushered in the day with a peal. On Christmas Day celebrations of the Holy Eucharist were held at 6, 7.30 and after Matins at 10.30 a.m. There was a very large number of communicants at each service, and at the latter service the Rev. T. A. Williams, curate, preached an able sermon. The decorations in this church were very handsome and appropriate, the chief features being the altar and chancel. At the afternoon service at 4 p.m. a selection of carols were ably rendered by the choir, the words and music being taken from "Carols Old and New," published by the Rev. Mr. Bramly, of Oxford, and arranged by Dr. Stainer. At 7 p.m. there was a choral evensong, followed by an eloquent and thoughtful sermon by the Lord Bishop, on the events of the day. His lordship used his pastoral staff, presented to him by his late congregation at South Acton and London friends, for the first time on Christmas Day. Large congregations were the feature of the day. On St. Stephen's Day there was a celebration at 7.30 a.m., matins at 10.30 a.m. and evensong at 5 p.m. On St. John the Evangelist's Day matins followed by a celebration at 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 5 p.m. On Holy Innocents' Day a celebration was held at 7.30 a.m., matins at 10.30 a.m. At 8 p.m. the Ministering Children's League of the Cathedral and St. Matthew's had a united service in the Cathedral. During the season of Advent a special course of sermons was preached on the Friday evenings, when the following clergy preached: Rev. A. J. Balfour, M.A., rector of St. Peter's, on the first Friday; Rev. Canon Richardson on second Friday; Rev. Canon Von Iffland on the third Friday, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec Cathedral on the last Friday. The annual distribution of prizes to the children of St. Matthew's took place on Christmas Day at 8.30, and on the evening of December 29th they were treated to a Christmas tree in the Parish Rooms.

**St. Peter's.**—Bright and joyous services were held in this church on Christmas Day, the rector, Rev. A. J. Balfour, officiating at all the services. The decorations were very handsome.

**The Lord Bishop.**—His Lordship, Dr. Dunn, returned to town on the Tuesday before Christmas from a three-weeks' Confirmation trip in the Eastern Townships, and leaves again immediately after New

Year's on another extended tour. His Lordship confirmed a special class of adults in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, on Wednesday, December 22nd, the majority of whom were converts from dissent. Dr. Dunn contemplates visiting England during the coming summer, and will no doubt be gladly welcomed by his many friends, among whom he laboured so long and successfully.

**WATERVILLE.**—His Lordship the Bishop has been pleased to appoint the Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., of Montreal, and at one time rector of Levis, to the mission of Waterville, in succession to the Rev. J. M. Thompson.

**LEVIS.**—The Lord Bishop will induct the Rev. J. M. Thompson to the rectory of Levis on the Feast of the Circumcision.

### MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—The following circular has been sent to the members of Synod:

Gentlemen,—We have to inform you that the Thirty-fourth Annual Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will be held in the Synod Hall on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1898. There will be a public celebration of Holy Communion in the cathedral on Tuesday morning at half-past ten o'clock, when the Bishop intends to deliver his charge to the synod. Evening service will be held in the cathedral at eight o'clock. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A., rector of St. Armand East. The synod will meet for business on Tuesday at two o'clock in the afternoon, and on succeeding days at ten o'clock each forenoon, unless it be otherwise ordered by the synod. The annual diocesan missionary meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. We have received a report of the Prison Reform conference held in Toronto in November, 1891, and a copy of a memorial based thereon to be presented to the Dominion Government, which has been unanimously adopted by the synod of the diocese of Toronto. The report and memorial, which are lengthy, will be laid before synod. We are, gentlemen, very truly yours, J. Empson, Clergy Secretary; Richard White, Lay Secretary.

**Synod Office,** 14th December, 1892.

**Notices of Motion.**—The Chancellor will move:—"That the amendments sanctioned at the last meeting of synod (pages 24 and 76 of the Journal of last session) to the rule of synod regulating the status of parishes, be confirmed."

Mr. Ralph C. Thorneley will move:—"That the resolution of synod of 1891 (at page 82 of the annual report), to apply to the Legislature for amendment of Temporalities Act relative to the admission of women to vestries, be reconsidered."

Ven. Archdeacon Evans will move "The confirmation of the amendment sanctioned at the last meeting of synod (page 28 of the Journal of last session) to clause 10 on page 8 of the Constitution."

Mr. Charles Garth will move the adoption of the following recommendation:—"The Committee on Investment beg to recommend to the synod that in view of the fact that the funds in charge of the synod have been for some time past invested at five per cent. per annum, and that in the opinion of the committee no higher rate is likely again to be secured, the rate of five and a half per cent. presently paid by the synod to the various parishes for their funds entrusted to the synod for investment be reduced to five per cent. from and after the first day of May next."

**St. Thomas' Young Men's Association.**—The officers have reason to be very thankful for donations of books, magazines, games, etc., received from Mrs. R. Esdale, Mrs. Renaud, Mrs. Hutton, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Hawkins, and Hodgson, Summer & Co. This is a pleasant homelike resort for every young man in the East End. The secretary purposes visiting similar institutes with a view to getting hints, etc.

**St. Simon's Church.**—Messrs. E. F. Dartnell and James Brown have been elected wardens of St. Simon's Church, St. Henri, and Messrs. Thos. Liggett and James Armstrong delegates to the synod. Messrs. James Brown and B. T. Sellars were appointed a committee to canvass those in the district who are likely to aid in the work of the church, and solicit weekly offerings for the purpose of providing a stipend for the incumbent. Messrs. Sellars, Woods, Armstrong, S. Wragge and R. A. Brown were appointed sidesmen. A musical committee, consisting of Messrs. Sellars, Cleverly and Woods, was named to assist the organist, Miss Tweedie, in organizing the choir.

**Trinity Church.**—On the fourth Sunday in Advent ordination services were held at Trinity Church, in the presence of a large congregation. His Lordship Bishop Bond officiated, and the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael preached a sermon on the duties of the diocese and priesthood. The Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Rev. Canon Henderson, Rev. Canon Rollit, and

the rector of Trinity, Rev. Canon Mills, assisted at the service. The following were ordained deacons:—Jas. H. Bell, Trinity College, Toronto; R. C. Brewer, H. Jekyll, B.A., McGill University and Montreal Diocesan College; C. D. G. Rollit, Montreal Diocesan College; Chas. Wright, St. John's Hall, Highbury, England. Order of priesthood:—W. C. Dilworth, J. L. Flanagan, Hulme College, Eng.; T. B. Jeakins, W. E. Kaneen, W. T. King, St. Boniface College, Eng. His Lordship also issued the following licenses: The Rev. J. H. Bell, to Alleyne; the Rev. R. C. Brewer to River Desert; the Rev. H. Jekyll, B.A., to Sabrevois College; the Rev. C. D. G. Rollit to Bolton, and the Rev. Chas. Wright to Arundel.

**Dean Carmichael on Hypnotism.**—The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael lectured on "Hypnotism" in St. George's school house, on the 12th inst., to a large audience. "Little is known," said the speaker, "of what hypnotism actually is, although we have some knowledge of its power. Medical men are systematically investigating and proving the capabilities of the mysterious power. Professional investigation was the mother and step-mother of progress. Neither law, physic, legislation nor even divinity could afford to ignore hypnotism. Mesmer himself was led to the study of science which bears his name through the work of a Roman Catholic priest who cured physical ills by rubbing his hands on the patient. Mesmerism was superseded by hypnotism." The speaker aroused the mirth of his hearers by citing some incidents of an evening party, illustrative of hypnotism in a mild form; for instance, the thoughts of one who was being gazed at by someone. "What is that man looking at me for? He has been looking at me for a long time. Everyone is looking at him and then at me. He is looking at my nose. Where can I get a mirror?" Hypnotists claimed that subjects put to sleep by steadfastly gazing at some given object are under implicit obedience to the operator. While in that passive state the subject may be cured of bad habits, intemperance, rheumatism and what-not. In view of the fact that this new power may be abused by evil persons, even to the committing of crimes, the speaker said, "no one should be allowed to practice it but physicians, any more than they should be allowed to handle poisons."

**Christ Church Cathedral.**—The able sermons lately preached by the rector in regard to the uses of a cathedral, etc., have been, at the request of parishioners, printed in pamphlet form for permanent reference. They contain much information and instruction well worthy of being preserved.

**Church of England Sabbath School Institute, Montreal Branch.**—The December monthly meeting was held in Synod Hall on the 19th. The Lord Bishop presiding; Dean Carmichael was also present. Rev. L. Norman Tucker said the opening prayers. Rev. J. H. Dixon read a paper on the subject, "Is the Sunday school a failure?" and Mr. H. J. Mudge followed with a practical essay on "How to train the children to give."

**BEDFORD.**—The third annual convention of the Church of England Sunday School Institute of the Archdeaconry of Bedford will be held at Knowlton, on Tuesday, the 19th of January prox. We understand that addresses may be expected from the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal on "Bible Teaching"; Rev. E. I. Rexford, on "How to train the S. S. Teacher"; from Geo. Hague, Esq., on "Relation and Responsibility of Parents to Sunday School"; and Dr. Davidson, Q.C., on "The Mission and Power of the Sunday School."

**New Churches' Names.**—The Chapel of Ease, in the Parish of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, is to be named The Church of the Advent; Montreal Junction, St. Philip's Church, and St. Simon's, formerly a part of St. Jude's parish.

**HUNTINGDON.**—Recently Messrs. Bruce and Holdsworth, on behalf of the congregation of St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Que., presented the rector, Canon Rollit, with a valuable cutter, harness, sleigh robe and whip, accompanying the same with expressions of good will and esteem.

### ONTARIO.

**SHARBOT LAKE.**—Santa Claus, this year, found a very able and energetic coadjutor in his plans in the person of the Rev. J. C. Hutton, who, after much willing labour, in which Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Thomson and other members of his flock participated, produced a very interesting programme for an entertainment at the hall on the evening of Thursday, 24th ult. The Christmas trees, containing as they did, prizes for the Sunday scholars, in accordance with their marks, which were highly satisfactory, must be first mentioned—though where everything was so well done it would be invidious to give any one part the pre-eminence. The trees were laden

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