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mained a year and a half, leaving it to take the curateship of the cathedral in Montreal.

Mid-Lent.—On Sunday evening last, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, the Rev. Mr. Kittson preached on the subject of "Secular Influence on the Church." Taking for his text "Jerusalem which is above is free," he showed how the cause of spiritual religion had been injured by some of the patrons of the Church, who had increased its material wealth, and by so doing had introduced a spirit of worldliness, and a desire for aggrandizement. This was the effect of Constantine's patronage, and also the effect of Pepin's gift of territory to the Bishop of Rome.

Trinity Church.—The Rev. Canon Mills delivered a sermon in Trinity Church on Sunday evening, on the subject of "Demoniacal Possession." The preacher showed that our Saviour had really cast out devils from those suffering from mental diseases, and had not merely spoken of expelling demons in a figurative sense and in conformity to the belief of the people of that time. The Canon also stated that medical men, considering "insanity" from a scientific standpoint had held that good moral influence was very effective in many cases of mental disease. And also that some of the patients seemed to be affected by some evil external influence.

St. Simon's Church.—The Temperance and Band of Hope meeting held in St. Simon's Church, St. Henri, recently, was a success in every way. A good programme was well rendered, and the large audience showed its appreciation of the services of those who took part by unstinted applause and hearty votes of thanks at the close. The following persons filled the programme: Songs by Miss Sellars and Miss Timm, Miss Maggie Brown, Mrs. Timm, Miss Lucy Stone, Misses Ethel and Maggie Brown and Mr. Prescott; reading by Mr. F. Latter and song by Mr. James Ward; organ solo by Master Arthur Culmer; reading by Mrs. Cleverly; reading and address by the Rev. Mr. Massey. Warden James Brown presided. A good work is being done by the members of St. Simon's in the temperance cause. Closed by the National Anthem.

In reply to a cablegram from Rural Dean Renaud, the Lord Bishop cabled his authority to stay till 30th March in England.

ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—The missionary deputation appointed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, consisting of the Revs. T. Stiles and T. Smith, visited Kemptville parish and delivered earnest, intelligent and practical addresses before two large congregations. The offertories on the occasion were almost double previous years. Five young men appointed by the rector to canvas the parish in behalf of the mission fund, made their return, within a week, showing subscriptions in advance of the past. On Friday, March 17th, His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster and Mrs. Sillitoe arrived in the parish. The Woman's Auxiliary and a number of friends interested in the work assembled in St. James' Church for the litany service, and then retired to the parish hall, where Mrs. Sillitoe explained to them the character of the work done by the auxiliary, and the blessing that had accompanied their work in the far west. The ladies were charmed with the kindly, intelligent and gentle way in which she urged on them not to grow weary in well doing, by placing before them the telling facts of need and necessity so often attending new settlers, and especially the Indians. In the evening His Lordship the Bishop gave a very striking account of the nature of his work; though scarcely able to speak, in consequence of hoarseness, he was heard in every direction in the large church, to the edification and delight of the large congregation. Visits from bishops labouring in the purely missionary dioceses, are rousing people to realize something concerning the work being done by the Church. Good results are to be seen in every direction, not only by increased subscriptions, but a growing interest, and a deeper devotion to Christ and His Church. On Saturday morning, with the express permission of the diocesan, the Bishop of New Westminster confirmed, in private, a parishioner who is in a very critical condition of health. The Rev. F. Newnham, of Winchester, was to have assisted at this service, but met with a very sad accident; just as the bus was starting from the village of Winchester for the station, it upset, and his skull was fractured; rendering him senseless. Prayers were offered for him at the litany service in the afternoon.

TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, Athabasca: A member of Chipawa W.A., \$1; Mrs. Clench, St. Catharines, \$1; Mrs. Hamer, Bradford, \$2.

St. Stephen's.—The regular meeting of the Young People's Association, last Monday evening, was a most successful one. The programme called for a symposium upon "The Romance of History," and included a reading by Mrs. Hardy from "Evangeline"; a recitation from Miss Corrigan, "The Battle of Waterloo"; patriotic songs by Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Mills; a most interesting essay, dealing with romantic events in Canadian history, was read by Miss Charlton.

All Saints.—The Bishop of Toronto held a confirmation service at All Saints church Wednesday evening. A large class, consisting of 70 candidates, was presented by the rector, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, M. A. The Bishop delivered an impressive address, which was listened to intently by the candidates and large congregation present. This is the largest confirmation class presented in the diocese during the past year. The musical part of the service was well rendered by the choir, under the direction of the organist, Mr. W. E. Fairclough.

Trinity Theological Missionary Association.—The annual general meeting of the Theological and Missionary Association of Trinity College was held yesterday afternoon in the Divinity lecture room, the Rev. the Provost in the chair. Among the city clergy present were Revs. Dr. Langtry, J. C. Roper, M.A., J. W. Shortt, M.A., and Mr. Softly of St. Olive's. The reports of the retiring officers were read and adopted: that of the treasurer being particularly satisfactory, showing a handsome balance on hand. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Rev. Provost Body; 1st vice-president, Rev. Prof. Rigby; 2nd vice-president, Rev. Prof. Cayley; secretary, Mr. G. F. Davidson; treasurer, Mr. Baynes-Reed; Executive Committee: Rev. C. H. Shortt, M.A., Mr. H. H. Bedford-Jones, M.A., Rev. R. Seaborn, Rev. A. V. DePencier, Messrs. J. G. Carter Troop, J. Mockridge, C. Paine, J. A. Ballard, H. M. Little, H. Carleton, H. Spencer, W. Seager. The following report was read, showing that work had been carried on during the year at the following places: Fairbank, by Mr. G. F. Davidson; St. Clements, by Mr. Madill; St. Matthias, by Mr. McTear; Eglinton, by Mr. Powell; West Toronto, by Mr. Baynes-Reed; Whitby, by Mr. Troop, B.A.; Norway, by Mr. Buckland; Humber, by Mr. Ballard; Ashburnham, by Mr. Chappell; St. Anne's, by Mr. DePencier; Orphans' Home, by Mr. McCallum; Clairville, by Mr. Seager; Beaverton, by Mr. Spencer; Scarboro', by Mr. Fenning. The following places have been regularly taken, or served from time to time by other members of the association: Springfield, Milton, Thorold, Markham, Bullock's Corners, Dunnville, Islington, Cannington, Bradford, Tullamore, Caledon, York and Markdale.

Degrees in Divinity.—The "Voluntary Preliminary Examination" for the degree of B.D., will be held in the different theological colleges of Canada, beginning on Friday morning, 5th of May. Candidates should apply at once to Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D.D., Toronto, for full information.

St. Matthias.—The Lord Bishop held a confirmation in this church last Thursday evening, when about forty were confirmed. There was a very large congregation present. The Bishop's address to the candidates was very instructive.

NIAGARA.

BARTON.—The congregation of Holy Trinity Church, on Thursday last presented their late incumbent, Rev. C. R. Lee, with a handsome oak secretary and a valuable silver communion service, for use in private ministrations, accompanied by an appropriate address.

FORT ERIE.—This parish has experienced a great loss in the death of the late Mrs. Anderson, widow of the Rev. John Anderson, its first rector. She entered the "rest prepared for the people of God" on the morning of Tuesday, the 14th March, in the eighty-sixth year of her age, having survived the death of her husband nearly forty-four years. In the true sense of the word, she was a good woman—one whose religious profession was backed up by "a godly, righteous, and sober life." Her cheerfulness of disposition ever bore witness to the fact that religious "ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." A striking feature in her character was her thorough-going sincerity. One was always made to feel that she meant what she said. She was, therefore, a woman to be trusted. It is no wonder that her friendship was so highly valued by the many who now mourn over her departure. As a staunch churchwoman, she was ever liberal in contributing to the cause of Christ's kingdom on earth. And for their very offices' sake, the ministers of God's Word and sacraments visiting the parish always had a hearty welcome at "the Grange." The poor and destitute were the objects of her quiet, unostentatious

charity. In short, hers was a faith fruitful in good works. As she lived, so she died, in the communion of the Catholic Church, trusting in Christ's merits as her only hope of salvation, and in charity with all men. The last days of her consciousness bore their witness to the simple, childlike faith of one who knew in whom she had believed. And now, in Paradise, her soul being purified by Christ's near presence, she awaits her final consummation and bliss. There, with the faithful of the Church militant, she anticipates the joys and glory of the Church triumphant. Of the invited clergy present at the funeral, were the Revs. Canon Arnold, Canon Bull, Jas. Ardill and J. C. Garrett. The last two assisted the rector in conducting the services in the house, and Canon Arnold read the words of committal at the grave. Owing to the non-completion of the building of the new church, the first part of the burial ritual had to be read at the late residence of the deceased. So, on Friday, the 17th last, we laid the mortal remains of our dear sister in their resting place in God's acre. Side by side are laid husband and wife, now undivided in death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labours."

HAMILTON.—A meeting of the various chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Hamilton and vicinity, was held in the basement of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday evening, March 20th, at which a local Council and Assembly were formed, to be known as the Hamilton Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. This has for its object the promotion of more fraternal relations between existing chapters in Hamilton and vicinity, and the forming of new chapters. The assembly was fortunate in securing as president, Bro. Maitland Newman, of St. John the Evangelist.

ST. CATHARINES.—There was a large congregation present at the confirmation service in St. Thomas Church recently. The Bishop of Niagara delivered an impressive address upon the privileges and responsibilities of Church membership. Rev. F. B. Hodgins and Rev. R. S. Locke read the lessons. Rev. Principal Miller read the preface in the confirmation service and Rev. W. J. Armitage presented the candidates. There were 51 in all.

RUPERT'S LAND.

DELORAIN.—The Rev. Sydney Goodman has been offered the parish of Emerson.

TREHERNE.—The eloquent Canon O'Meara delivered a lecture here on "Christianity and Progress." The Rev. G. Gill, incumbent, is doing excellent work; in less than a year he has built two churches, on which there is a slight debt.

SWAN LAKE.—This is a large unwieldy mission, under the care of the Rev. A. Tansey. For the proper working of the mission, it is necessary that the parsonage should be moved to Somerset; this will cost about one hundred dollars, but Mr. Tansey is too modest, for the writer knows that at least \$100 should be spent in repairs. This is one of the poorest missions in the diocese, a veritable backwood mission, therefore we hope the incumbent will be able shortly to acknowledge at least \$200 from readers of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. Address, Swan Lake P.O., Man.

BRIEF MENTION.

Liverpool has the largest local debt of any town in England.

A brother of the composer, Schubert, died in Vienna recently at the age of 66.

The New Zealand Government has protested against the introduction of destitute Jews into Australia.

A human skull as large as a bushel basket has been found in Sicily.

The promoters of the Bishop Williams' Memorial Fund, Quebec, are now confident that it will reach \$30,000.

In small hotels in Russia each guest is expected to find his own bed clothing.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson, of Algoma, has left the diocese to take up his residence in British Columbia.

Nearly every county in England has its favourite oak, the largest of which is the Cowthorpe, of Yorkshire.

A mule owned by residents at Crowden Creek, N.C., is reported to be nearly half a century old.

Pins are found among the mummies of Egypt and in the prehistoric caves of Lartzerland.

The wife of Rev. Mr. Wade, Hamilton, narrowly escaped a bullet fired at a cat by a boy, but sent through her house.

Of the 6,000 post mistresses in the United States, Pennsylvania is blessed with 468.