

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

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Waterville.—For a long time it has been the hope and desire of the Rev. E. A. W. King that the property adjacent to the lower side of St. John's church, Waterville, should be obtained for Church purposes. Proposals in that direction were made about three years ago and were afterwards renewed. Not till recently, however, has this prospect become an accomplished fact. The site is very desirable by general consent for a Church hall, and for horse sheds, and for these purposes it is proposed to use the property, as soon as sufficient funds can be obtained. That in so doing a Victoria Diamond Jubilee Memorial should be established thereon, will be the more interesting to all concerned, when it is remembered that services of our Church were occasionally held in the old school-house on that same spot more than 60 years ago, also that from 1840 to 1845, and therefore as long as 57 years ago, the late Rev. Dr. C. P. Reid, when S. P. G. missionary at Crompton, used to hold services regularly in that building on Sunday afternoons, and Mrs. Reid took charge of the Sunday school, also that the day school of the village was kept here up to the year 1885, when the new brick Model school took its place. Very many therefore must have a personal knowledge of this interesting spot in the history of Waterville. In 1845 the services and classes of instruction began to be held in the (then) new church erected a few feet distant from the school. That sacred edifice, though it has been renovated, is now in its fifty-third year, and is still in use. For the new acquisition the sum of \$450 had to be secured. Towards this sum the vendors, Messrs. Frank and Adelbert Gale, have each contributed \$25 by diminution of the purchase money, the Lord Bishop of the diocese has promised \$25, and the Rev. T. L. Ball a like sum, leaving \$350 still to be collected in order to meet the loan at 6 per cent. When that amount is paid off funds will still be required to provide the Victoria Hall and the shelter for the horses of those who drive to church and other appointments. Any generous reader who has an interest in the past, present, or future of Waterville is invited to contribute his or her offering to the important objects above named, either through the missionary in charge or the churchwarden.

North Hatley.—By a disastrous fire early in the season, which destroyed the fine public hall where the annual festivals have been held heretofore, the visitors of North Hatley have been deprived of the opportunity of raising money for Church purposes in their accustomed way, viz., by a fancy fair, but they are contributing in other ways to much-needed funds. By the kind permission of Mrs. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, an afternoon fete was held on their beautiful grounds on the 12th of August from 2 to 6. Refreshments were served in the roomy and very prettily decorated boat-house, and a concert took place from 4.30 to 5.30 on the extensive verandah of their fine house. The arrangements were complete, the success most gratifying, and appreciation of the privileges afforded by Mrs. Thomas and family was universally felt.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

Montreal.—Miss Mary V. Tippet has accepted the position of matron to Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Miss Tippet is the daughter of the late Rev. H. W. Tippet, Queensbury, N.B. She comes to Montreal from holding a similar position in Merion Hall, Bryn-Mawr College, near Philadelphia.

St. George.—The numerous friends of the Dean and Mrs. Carmichael will be glad to hear of their

safe arrival from the Old Land in excellent health and spirits, having reached Montreal per Ss. Laurentian on Saturday night, 11th inst.

Executive Committee Meeting.—Synod Office.—The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod was held last Tuesday evening. The treasurer's statement showed increased expenditure in excess of receipts. The Grants' Committee recommended an addition of one hundred dollars to the grant to West Shefford, which was concurred in. The Rev. R. D. Smith was requested to visit the district of Templeton and Cantlie, to ascertain what opening, if any, exists for the formation of a new mission in that district, and to report to the committee at the next meeting, on November 9. A letter was read from the church wardens at St. Hyacinthe asking for the placing of a permanent clergyman in that city, and the matter was referred to the rural deanery for consideration and report. A vote of fifty dollars was renewed to Beauharnois. The question of the position of the churchyard at Rawdon, and the farm owned by the Synod at Kildare, was remitted to Archdeacon Evans for examination and report. The Bishop was requested to communicate with the society having charge of the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Alfred Marriott, of the Grange, Hopton, near Mirfield, as to the claims of the Montreal Diocese. A vote of thanks was passed to the Woman's Auxiliary for a donation to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. There were present his Lordship Bishop Bond (in the chair), Dean Carmichael, Archdeacons Evans, Mills, Lindsay and Naylor, Rural Deans Sanders, Longhurst, Brown, Nye and Robinson, Canons Mussen, Norton, Dixon, and Empson, Messrs. Bethune, Davidson, E. L. Bond, Hannaford, White, Chipman, W. H. Robinson and Charles Garth.

Valleyfield.—Your correspondent recently spent a pleasant Sunday in St. Mark's parish, Valleyfield, a thriving manufacturing town; population between 6,000 and 7,000, with three substantial churches of the Reformed worship, grouped around the handsome Gault Institute, which is the Public school. Valleyfield is also the seat of a Roman Catholic Bishop, and distant some 30 miles from Montreal. Through some mistake about the train, overcome by aid of wire and 'phone, two belated parsons met at Coteau Junction between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday morning and drove two miles to Coteau Landing, followed by a seven-mile spin on steam launch, the church wardens, Messrs. Frank D. Smith and Sparrow, ably filling the posts of pilot and helmsman; Mr. Godwin, the engineer, being a trusty Presbyterian. With a fresh breeze on her beam, and quite sufficient rocking, between 2 and 3 o'clock a.m. Victoria Hotel was reached, when my confrere had to climb up and get in, to open the door. The new church is of cut stone, inside dimensions some 70x35 feet, with fine open roof and apse-formed chancel. At present services are being held in the large, light, and lofty basement. Congregations at present occasionally touch 100, 23 communicants, 50 at Sunday school, one baptism at 4 o'clock, special memorial service in the evening on the recent death of a much-respected parishioner. The annual Sunday school picnic came off last Saturday to Beauharnois, and everything seems to be going on harmoniously in the parish. Rev. G. H. Gagnon, deacon in charge.

ONTARIO.

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

Brockville.—Rev. Dr. Nimmo, Trinity church, announced at the morning service on Sunday that he purposed sending in his resignation on the return of Bishop Lewis, and would ask for a year's rest.

Thomasburg.—A Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in Christ church here on Thursday last, the Rev. Mr. Bogert, of Belleville, preaching at 11 a.m., and Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Trenton, at 7.30 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The new Rural Dean of Lennox and Addington is the Rev. R. S. Forneri, B.D., rector of Adolphustown and Fredericksburg.

Rev. James Empringham has resigned the rectorship of Winchester and Chesterville and has been transferred to Bearbrook.

The death of William Baker, eldest son of Rev. Canon Baker, of Bath, is reported. He had been only ill for a few days, the disease being typhoid fever. He resided on his farm near Guelph.

Tweed.—The Thank offerings at the Harvest Festival services just held, amounted to \$213.

North Hastings.—Rev. H. Symonds, of Ashburnham, gave a lecture on "Church History," illustrated by lantern views, at Coe Hill mines, on Thursday evening, 16th September. The lecture was clear and very interesting from start to finish, showing the reason why the Anglican Church should be loved by the people. The views were exceptionally fine; every one of them seemed a work of art. The Church-people feel deeply indebted to Mr. Symonds for the lecture. He was accompanied by Rev. C. Lord, of Apsley. It is hoped that arrangements may be made to have a similar night at Bancroft and other of the stations in the mission.

Odessa.—A short time ago the congregation of St. Alban's church presented Rev. E. T. Evans with the proceeds of a social, which enabled Mr. Evans to procure for himself a buggy and harness. Now, again, the congregation of the mission station at Hawley have presented Mr. Evans with a fine four-year-old colt. The church-going people of this locality have no need to be ashamed of the complete rig-out which they have provided for their clergyman. The congregation have authorized the incumbent and warden to negotiate for the purchase or rental of a residence suitable for a parsonage.

Camden East.—Over half a century ago—on the 1st of March, 1844—St. Luke's Anglican church was first opened for public worship. It was then, we believe, the Napanee Beaver says, the first and only church of that denomination in what is now the entire Addington electoral district. Rev. Paul Shirley, whose name is still held in grateful remembrance by many of the older residents, was at that time the first Anglican missionary in the Townships of Camden and Sheffield, and zealously did he perform the sacred duties of his office. It was largely through his active exertions that the new church was erected. For twelve years he performed his duties, visiting many of the then early settlers in their lonely log homes in the almost unbroken wilderness through which there were not roads in many places, or scarcely a blazed trail through the dense swamps and forests. He died on the 23rd of October, 1856, aged 68 years, and was buried beside the church he had been instrumental in erecting. St. Luke's was the spiritual birthplace of many for over two generations, and its burial grounds have also been the last resting place of a large number of the well-known and active residents of the surrounding country. Its associations and remembrances are therefore dear to the inhabitants of Camden East and the surrounding country. The old church was torn away a few months ago to give place for the new St. Luke's, which stands on the same site. The new church will be neat and commodious, with all the modern improvements, and will be an ornament to the village and the locality. Its dimensions are 24x78 feet, total length, with a neat tower 12x12 feet and 40 feet high, at the southwest corner. There are also additions of organ chamber and vestry near the rear. The foundations are of stone and the main walls of Deseronto pressed brick. The ceremonies of laying the corner-stone were under the auspices of the Orange Order, of which the Hon. N. C. Wallace is the head in Canada. The clergymen present were the Rev. F. D. Woodcock, the rector; W. G. Swayne, of Selby; J. R. Serson, of Tamworth; and F. T.