

an admirable specimen of Dr. Fraser's mental attitude; "We have got into a way of talking which I think is strangely unreal and misleading; a way which regards the supernatural, rather than the natural as the proper sphere of divine energy, a way by which the spiritual appears to supercede and keep out of sight the moral. I am aware that the word nature is used in various senses more or less restricted, but the phrase supernatural leads people commonly to suppose that the ways of God's Spirit are fitful and capricious rather than stated and orderly, whereas there can be no reasonable doubt that the reign of law in the truest sense of the words, is as supreme in the spiritual as in the material world. We know exactly what to do in order to receive a gift of the Spirit, and if the conditions are fulfilled, the gift is bestowed, and that quite as certainly as in a chemical experiment." That is strong meat, but it is the truth, upon which the scriptural sacramental system of Christ's Church, rests in contrast with the flighty capriciousness of sectarian theories.

**THOUGHTS ON REVELATION AND LIFE.** By Canon Westcott, D.D. On Sale by Williamson & Co., Toronto. The volume is a collection of choice passages from Dr. Westcott's Writings. The selections are made with judgment and taste, we need hardly add that they will prove suggestive, stimulating and instructive. The book like others of MacMillan's is charmingly printed, and in this one the binding is very attractive—it is a beautiful gift book for a student or a teacher or pastor.

**THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF EVOLUTION,** by J. McCosh, D.D. Putnam's & Sons, N.Y., on sale by Rowell & Hutchison. We propose to give an extended review at a later date of this valuable work, which those exercised by evolution should procure.

**THE STORY OF THE NATIONS.** The volumes containing "Alexander's Empire," and "Assyria," are on sale by Williamson & Co., King Street, Toronto, where other volumes of the same valuable series are also kept. What can be said in praise of a book better than was said to us recently by a father who had been pained at his daughter's indifference to history? He said, "The Story of the Nations" seemed to awaken her from dislike of this class of literature to a positive love of history, and instead of devouring trashy novels wholesale, she and her sisters seem almost as much fascinated by these books that convey sound instruction."

**SARAH CREWE, OR WHAT HAPPENED AT MISS MINICHINS.** By the authoress of Little Lord Fauntleroy. Printed and published by Gage & Co., Toronto. The States have achieved one distinction of which they have every right to be most proud. They have produced the best writer of children's books. The story of the distressed little heroine "Princess Sarah," or Sarah Crewe, is exquisitely told. We feel inclined to say to the writer in the words of the little damsel's letter to her unknown friend, "thank you, thank you, thank you."

## Home & Foreign Church Notes.

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

#### QUEBEC.

**THREE RIVERS.**—*St. James' Church.*—The annual vestry meeting for the election of church wardens and the transaction of other church business, was held on Monday in Easter week, the Rev. J. H. Jenkins, B.A., rector, in the chair. The financial statement presented was considered very satisfactory, showing a small balance in favour of the church after payment of all liabilities. Mr. A. D. Ritchie was nominated as rector's warden, and Mr. Younger Hooper was elected by the people. The rector congratulated the meeting on the fact that though they had lost many members through removals, yet they had been able to maintain the services of the Church in full efficiency during the

year, and had besides, with the aid of friends in Quebec and Montreal, paid off the ground rent on the churchyard. Through the exertions of a lady member of the congregation the church buildings are insured for three years for the sum of \$5,000. A legacy of \$1,000 from the late H. G. Fearon, Esq., J.P., will enable the churchwardens to replace the shingles on the church and vestry, with some more durable material. After votes of thanks to the officials of the church, to the organist, and members of voluntary choir, to the lady who collected for the insurance, and a resolution of condolence with the family of the late H. G. Fearon, the meeting adjourned.

#### MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—*Presentation and Address to Rev. Canon Norman.*—At 4 30 4th inst. something over 200 persons assembled in the hall of the Art Association, Phillips Square, the occasion being the presentation to the Rev. Canon Norman, M.A., D.C.L., of an address and service of silver, on the eve of his departure for Quebec, to assume the rectorship of the cathedral of that city. Sheppard's orchestral band was in attendance. The rich presentation service, was placed on an elevated stand at the head of the hall, and beside it stood the address, magnificently engrossed and illumined and bound in Morocco.

Sir Donald A. Smith presided. Among those present were noticed Sir Donald A. and Lady Smith, Sir William Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wolferstan Thomas and party, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grindley, D. A. P. Watt, W. G. Murray, Andrew Robertson, A. D. Steele, J. Durnford, E. S. Clouston, John Lewis, Robert Harris, R.C.A., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Arthy, Strachan Bethune, Q.C., Rev. Dr. Cornish, Dr. R. P. Howard, ex-Mayor Beaupré, Angus Hooper, J. Learmont, Georges Hague, Philip Scott, Rev. J. G. Norton and Mrs. Norton, W. Boodle, Jackson Rae, M. P. Ryan, Edward Murphy, L. J. Seargeant, Grand Trunk Railway; Henry Lyman, Professor Darey, H. Aspinwall Howe, LL.D., David Leach, George Murray, Hollis Shorey, R. B. Angus, J. H. R. Molson, Ruelle, F. S. Lyman, H. Lyman, Peterson, Dyer, Ald. Holland, Professor Penhallow, E. B. Greenshields, John Crathern, Russell Stephenson, Joseph Gould, and many others.

Precisely at the appointed minute the reverend recipient of the honors entered the hall and, as he passed up the room to his seat on the platform, was greeted with prolonged cheers. Having taken his seat the chairman rose and addressed the audience in some graceful remarks. He alluded to the occasion which had brought them together. The numbers and standing of those present were in themselves, perhaps, the best token of the high esteem in which Canon Norman was held by the entire community of Montreal. It was a gathering in which creeds and nationality had no part. The reverend gentleman's leaving was a loss alike to science and education, no less than the social circle of the city, and the only consolation was that he was not going far, and he would be among them from time to time again.

Sir Donald then proceeded to read the address which expressed the high appreciation of Canon Norman's character, and the regret felt at his departure. The general esteem in which he was held was not a hastily formed impression but the steady growth of years. Special reference was made to the interest he had taken in education, in the Art Association, the Shakespeare Society, the Mendelssohn choir, and the Philharmonic Society.

In reply Canon Norman thanked his very kind friends. He knew that he had true and well-proved friends in the community, but until then he had not known their number or the strength of their sentiment. Twenty-one years ago he had come to Montreal in feeble health, and he was now leaving it in apparently better working condition than when he came. This was due, he thought, under Providence, partly to the bracing and healthful air of Canada, and partly to the enjoyment his varied occupations had afforded him. He rejoiced to think that though his home was now elsewhere, his duties as Fellow of McGill University, as Examiner for the Associate in Arts, and as a member of the committee of Public Instruction, would bring him occasionally to his old and happy home. Canon Norman concluded by again thanking them for their kindness, and wishing them every happiness earth could give.

**DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN HAMILTON.**—The Honorable John Hamilton passed away to rest on Easter Tuesday. The deceased was one of the most prominent as he was one of the most honorable of our citizens. Mr. Hamilton was generally known as an upright man in his business transactions, "whose word was his bond," and never was guilty of any act that would not bear the light of day. Mr. Hamilton resigned his seat in the Senate a short time ago in favor of the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott. One of Mr. Hamil-

ton's brothers is the present Bishop of Niagara. It is understood that the Government intended reappointing Mr. Hamilton to the Senate.

*Sketch of his Life.*—Hon. John Hamilton was a member of the family of Hamilton, of Hamwood, County Meath, Ireland. The family claims descent from Hugh Hamilton, a son of Sir James Hamilton, of Evandale, in Scotland, who settled in Ireland in 1616. The deceased was the third son of the late Colonel George Hamilton of Hawkesbury, Canada, who died in 1887, and was born near Quebec in 1827. He was educated in Montreal. He married first Rebecca L., daughter of the Rev. John Lewis, B.A., of Cork, Ireland; after her death Ellen Marion, daughter of William Wood, of Seal Lodge, Surrey, England; and his third wife was Jennie, widow of John Major, and daughter of the late Charles Cambie, formerly of Castleton, Tipperary, Ireland. He was called to the Senate in May, 1867. Hon. John Hamilton was a member of the extensive lumber firm of Hamilton Bros; proprietor of the Hawkesbury Mills, Ont., and a director of the Bank of Montreal. He was at one time president of the Merchants Bank. He was reeve of Hawkesbury for four years and warden of Prescott and Russell for three years. He had been Legislative Councilor for Inkerman. In addition to other charitable bequests the deceased left \$20,000 to the Hospital and \$2,500 to Trinity College, Toronto.

The following are the appointments of the Anglican Bishop of Montreal for April and May:

April 29, St. John's, Rev. Rural Dean Renand; preacher, the Bishop.  
April 29, Christville, Rev. B. P. Lewis, B.A.; preacher, the Bishop.  
April 30, Farnham, Rev. Canon Mussen, M.A.; preacher, the Bishop.  
May 1, Bedford, etc., Rev. Rural Dean Nye, M.A.; preacher, Canon Mussen.  
May 2, Phillipsburg, etc., Rev. F. A. Allen, B.A.; preacher, Rural Dean Nye.  
May 3, Frelighsburg, Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A.; preacher, Rev. J. Ker.  
May 4, Stanbridge, Rev. J. Constantine, M.A.; preacher, Canon Davidson.  
May 6, Dunham, Rev. J. Ker; preacher the Bishop.  
May 9, Rougemont, Rev. E. McManus; preacher the Bishop.  
May 10, Abbottsford, Rev. Canon Robinson, M.A.; preacher, Rural Dean Longhurst.  
May 11, Granby, etc., Rev. Rural Dean Longhurst; preacher, Canon Robinson.  
May 13, South Stukely, etc., Rev. J. W. Garland; preacher, the Bishop.  
May 14, Bolton, Rev. W. P. Chambers; preacher, Rev. J. W. Garland.  
May 15, Mansonville, Rev. W. Ross Brown; preacher Rev. W. P. Chambers.  
May 16, Glen Sutton, Rev. H. A. Meek; preacher, Rev. W. R. Brown.  
May 17, Sutton, etc., Rev. Rural Dean Smith; preacher, Rev. F. A. Allen.  
May 18, Cowansville and Sweetsburg, Rev. George Forsey; preacher, Rev. Rural Dean Smith.  
May 20, Knowlton, Rev. J. J. Scully; preacher, the Bishop.  
May 21, Brome Corner, Rev. R. L. McFarlane, B.D.; preacher, Rev. J. J. Scully.  
May 22, West Brome and Iron Hill, the church wardens; preacher, Rev. R. L. Macfarlane.  
May 23, West Shefford and Fulford, Rev. W. Robinson; preachers, the Bishop and Archdeacon Lindsay.  
May 24, Adamsville, etc., Mr. Judge, Catechist; preacher, Rev. W. Robinson.  
May 25, Waterloo, etc., Rev. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A.; preacher, Rev. W. P. Chambers.  
May 27, Boscobel, etc., Rev. C. P. Abbott; preacher, the Bishop.  
May 28, North Shefford, etc., Rev. W. N. Duthie; preacher, Rev. C. P. Abbott.  
May 29, Upton and St. Hyacinthe, Rev. L. V. Laviere, M.A.; preacher, the Bishop.

Letters requiring immediate attention should be posted two days before the date at which it is intended they should meet the Bishop.

#### ONTARIO.

**KEMPTVILLE.**—The extra services and classes for catechism were well attended during Lent. The special meditation on Good Friday afternoon was highly appreciated. On Easter Sunday the congregations at the four services were large and devout. The children's service of song was a considerable improvement on their part; their singing bespoke the good training they had undergone at the hands of Miss Elizabeth Tomkins. The rector preached at all the services; the superintendent, Robert Leslie, Esq., and the Rev. C. Harris addressed the children in a nicely impressive manner. The rector was celebrant at the

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