

OBITUARY.

W. G. Würtele.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Mr. W. G. Würtele, for many years a prominent member of the Cathedral, and a well known figure at our Synods and Church gatherings. He shewed himself a most efficient financier, as Treasurer of the Clergy Trust Fund, a post which he held for twenty-five years with remarkable benefit to the Fund in question. He was Church-Warden of the Cathedral, an active member of the Select Vestry, and ever since our Diocesan Synod has existed, viz.: since 1859, a period of thirty-five years, he was one of the Delegates representing the Cathedral. He in fact would have had his seat at the next Synod in 1895, if he had been spared. He was also one of the Protestant School Commissioners of the City, and was much interested in public education. Whatever he took in hand, he paid close attention to. Some people may have disagreed with his conclusions, but at all events they were the result of careful study and consideration on his part.

He had exceeded the allotted space of human life, but until comparatively of late, he enjoyed such splendid health, that few realised his age. With him departs one almost of a bye-gone generation, one who witnessed the early birth-throes of this now flourishing Diocesan System; and who helped to lay the foundation of a strong and enduring Church work. Let us be glad to know that his end was peace. His sorrowing relatives are comforted by the conviction that, after a well spent life, and with an abiding faith in his Saviour, he has passed beyond the veil.

DISTRICT NEWS.

RIVIÈRE DU LOUP.

Our summer visitors having now left us, a short paragraph will be in place. The number of strangers passing the summer months amongst us has been smaller than for some years past; but on the whole a kindly disposition to help us has been shown.

Apart from the assistance which is always given in helping us to meet our "running expenses," we have raised a considerable sum towards the heavy debt on the new Church, which hampers so grievously the work of the Mission.

Of this amount nearly one third came to us as the proceeds of a concert in

Cacouna, organized and carried out by the kindness of some of our friends in that place.

A further amount was contributed by a successful act on the part of Misses Vera and Jessie Hamilton, Gladys Irwin, and Susie Cassels, who handed over to the incumbent—"for the debt"—half the proceeds of a sale, entirely planned and carried out by the little ladies themselves; who added a finishing touch to their act of spontaneous kindness by coming over from Cacouna *in propriis personis* to place their gift in the incumbent's hands.

Last but not best, a most noble gift of \$100—for the same object—has to be most gratefully recorded, with thankful acknowledgment. The generous donor made it a condition that his identity should not be revealed, and his wishes must, of course, be respected.

Unhappily, a large balance on the wrong side still remains, offering a golden opportunity to all or any who may feel moved to follow the example of the benefactor above mentioned!

We must not omit also to record with gratitude that, through the energy of the Ladies' Guild, with some little outside assistance, another debt of long standing—far too long—has been wiped out, and the neat iron railing, in front of the Mission Church, is at last paid for.

One or two other old debts have been discharged, while some new ones—happily neither many or large—have had to be incurred.

STONEHAM.

Regular Services at this Mission had long been discontinued from various causes, but chiefly because it was no longer possible to work it as a separate parish, and it was also extremely difficult to join it with any neighbouring mission, owing to its isolated position. At the beginning of 1894, at the Bishop's request, the Rev. R. A. Parrock undertook to go out from Quebec every other Sunday, and give the people a Morning Service. With the exception of one Sunday in April, when the roads were impassable, this Service has gone on without interruption, and great interest has been shown in it. The congregations have averaged about 40, and Mr. Parrock also started a Confirmation Class for the young people. At Easter, the Rev. A. J. Balfour kindly went out and celebrated the Holy Communion; and in June, the Rev. F. B. Norrie gave the people another Celebration.